

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 5, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 6-8, 13, 14, 16-21, and 26 are amended and claims 42-53 are added; as a result, claims 1-29, and 42-53 are now pending in this application.

\$101 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-29 were provisionally rejected under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-72 of copending Application No. 09/874,898.

Applicant has amended the claims for clarity. Applicant believes that the claims in this application and the claims in the copending application (09/874,898) now contain no common subject matter. Therefore, Applicant requests that the provisional double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 42-53 are added. Applicant believes that these new claims introduce no new matter.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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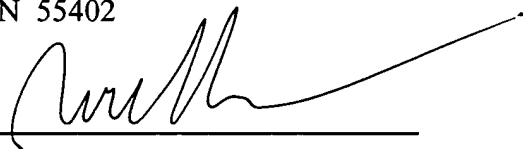
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